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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 219

Governor's Office.

Date of Receipt.



From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Use of third whalers.

No.

Date

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26th May, 1915.

MINUTES.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

622/15

Hon Col. Sec.

For your information and necessary action please.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS  
No. 68.

Downing Street,  
26<sup>th</sup> May, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence relative to the grant of permission to the South Georgia Company, Limited, and Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company to use third steam whalers in connexion with their whaling leases at South Georgia for the season 1915-1916.

S. Georgia Co. 30 April, 1915.  
Salvesen & Co. 30 April, 1915.  
To S. Georgia Co. 10 May, 1915.  
To Salvesen & Co. 10 May, 1915.  
S. Georgia Co. 19 May 1915.  
Salvesen & Co. 19 May, 1915.  
To Salvesen & Co. 26 May, 1915.

2. I request that effect may be given to the arrangements made with these firms.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*L. Harcourt.*

GOVERNOR

W. D. YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G.

&c., &c., &c.

Downing Street,

23217/15.

26 May, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and that of the South Georgia Company, both dated the 19th May, and to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands has been requested to give effect to the arrangements made with you and with the South Georgia Company for the use of third steam whalers in connexion with the whaling leases at South Georgia for the season 1915-16.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

Secretary of State.

MESSRS. CHR. SALVENSEN AND COMPANY.

purpose at South Georgia.

Copy.

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH *to Falkland Islands*  
No. *68* OF *2675/15*  
THE SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY, LIMITED.



*213/15*  
31 Bernard Street,  
Leith.

30th April, 1915.

Sir,

By the Provisions of the Whaling Lease purchased in 1909 of Mr. Erling Lund, and transferred to us with your consent, we are allowed to operate only 2 steam whale catchers at South Georgia.

Repeated applications on our behalf for permission to employ a third whale catcher as granted to 3 foreign whaling companies working each on one licence have, as you know, been refused.

On the 23rd instant we received a letter from our Works Manager at South Georgia, dated the 6th March, in which to our surprise he informs us that the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, of North Shields has been granted leave to employ three whale catchers under its licence, and it has used three vessels during this season. We need not inform you that this company's lease was granted two years later than ours, and we are consequently much surprised that our applications should have been refused, whereas a much younger company should have received preference.

We beg most respectfully to again apply for the privilege of employing a third boat under our lease. We do not thereby ask for anything but to be placed on the same terms as the Southern Whaling & Sealing Company, Limited, and the three foreign companies, all holding one lease each for Whaling purposes at South Georgia.

We

We understand that Messrs. Chr. Salvesen and Company have written you fully on the matter, and we associate ourselves with all that they have said. We trust that our present application will meet with the desired result

We have, etc.,

(SD) D.ROSS.

For The South Georgia Company, Limited.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.



SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

29, Bernard Street,

Leith.

30th April, 1915.

Copy.

Sir,

We have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a letter of the 13th April sent by last mail to the Colonial Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Since then we have received information from the South Georgia Company, Limited, that it has received a letter from its Works Manager at Leith Harbour, South Georgia, stating that the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, of North Shields has received permission to operate a third whale catcher under its whaling lease at Possession Bay, South Georgia.

You will know that we have time and again applied both to you and to the Government of the Falkland Islands for similar permission, and take the liberty of referring you to our letter of the 24th July 1913, and to the reply received thereto from you of the 5th September, 1913, No. 28738/1913. You will know that the Southern Whaling & Sealing Company, Limited, started in 1911, whereas our whaling lease for Allardyce Harbour dates from 1909. It appears consequently to us that a distinct preference has been given to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, over us, and we would also remind you that it had its whaling lease granted it, although the application for a whaling lease made by us on behalf of the Olna Whaling Company, of Brae, Shetland, on the 6th May 1910 was admittedly received prior to the application

application from the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, or its managers, Messrs. Irvin and Sons, North Shields.

We are quite at a loss to understand why we should have received such treatment, especially as no one can deny that our firm has done more than any other firm in the world to develop the whaling industry on modern lines under the British flag.

We have the honour of repeating our application for permission to employ a third whale catcher under our lease at South Georgia, and in this connection we would beg to draw your attention to the fact that the industry is not to be carried on in the same intense manner during the coming season. We have information which we understand is absolutely reliable, that upwards of 10 Norwegian whaling companies employing over 40 whale catchers are not to operate during the ensuing season south of the Equator. We think that this number will even be increased. In Great Britain fifteen whale catchers will be idle during the continuance of the war.

You will remember that when our lease at South Georgia was granted we received special permission to work along with the South Georgia Company, Limited, as both this company and we considered that a profitable business could hardly be carried on by the use of only two whale catchers each, and the trading results of the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company, Limited, will have shown you that the business with only two whale catchers has not yielded a balance on the right side. We have consequently never worked our own lease at South Georgia under our own name, but have by arrangements as previously stated carried on in conjunction  
with

with the South Georgia, Company, Limited.

We trust that you will be good enough to carefully consider our application and grant us leave to use a third catcher, and to start operations either from Allardyce Harbour, or, should this harbour be found unsuitable for our purposes, to be allocated another harbour which we may find suitable, and which of course is presently unoccupied.

We have, etc.,

(SD) CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.



20056/15.

Downing Street,

10th May, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April, in which you apply for permission to use a third whale catcher in connexion with your whaling lease at South Georgia.

2. In reply I am to state that Mr. Harcourt is prepared to grant you permission to operate a third steam whaler in connexion with your lease, for one season only, i.e. the season 1915-16, on the condition that you give a written undertaking that all whale oil obtained by your Company during the season, whether from British or foreign waters or on the high seas, shall be brought to the United Kingdom alone, and not to any foreign country, for manufacture. These are in substance the terms upon which the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited have been granted permission to operate a third whaler for one season.

3. On receiving the undertaking referred to in the foregoing paragraph the Colonial Government will be informed of the extension of your whaling facilities which has been approved.

4. A similar reply has been returned to the application which has been received from Messrs. Chr. Salvesen for permission to employ a third whaler.

I am, etc.,

(SD) H.J.READ,  
for the Under Secretary of State.

THE SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY, LIMITED.

20058/15.

Downing Street,

10th May, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April in which you apply for an extension of your whaling facilities at South Georgia.

2. In reply I am to state that Mr. Harcourt is prepared to grant you permission to operate a third steam whaler in connexion with your South Georgia whaling lease, for one season only, i.e. the season 1915-16, on the condition that you give a written undertaking that all whale oil obtained by your company during the season, whether from British or foreign waters or on the high seas, <sup>shall</sup> be brought to the United Kingdom alone, and not to any foreign country, for manufacture. These are in substance the terms upon which the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company Limited, have been granted permission to operate a third whaler for one season.

3. A letter has been received from the South Georgia Company, Limited, in which permission to use a third whaler is applied for, and a similar reply is being returned to their application.

4. On receiving the undertaking referred to in paragraph 2 the Colonial Government will be informed of the extension of your whaling facilities which has been approved.

5. With reference to the last paragraph of your letter under acknowledgment, I am to state that before permission could be granted for you to make use for whaling purposes of any harbour in South Georgia other than that which you at present

use

use under the terms of your lease, it would be necessary for the Secretary of State to receive particulars of the new harbour. Such particulars might conveniently be forwarded through the Colonial Government, who would in any case have to be consulted.

I am, etc.,

(SD) H.J.READ,

for the Under  
Secretary of State

MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

THE SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY, LIMITED.

31, Bernard Street,

Leith.

19th May, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, 20,056/1915.

2. We note that the Secretary of State for the Colonies is prepared to grant us permission to operate a third steam whale catcher in connection with our lease at South Georgia for the ensuing whaling season on the condition, that we give a written undertaking that all whale oil obtained by our company during the season 1915/1916 whether from British or foreign waters or on the high seas, shall be brought to the United Kingdom alone and not to any foreign country.

3. We hereby give this undertaking and shall feel obliged if you will be good enough to inform the Colonial Government of this extension of our whaling facilities and which has been approved.

We have, etc.,

(SD) THEODORE E. SALVESEN,  
Managing Director,  
James G. Beaton, Secretary.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE, LONDON S.W.

Copy.

CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

29, Bernard Street,

Leith.

19th May, 1915.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant No. 20058/1915.

2. As requested we hereby give you the written undertaking that all whale oil obtained by us during next season whether from British or foreign waters or on the high seas, shall be brought to the United Kingdom and not to any foreign country in consideration of your having acceded to our humble request to be allowed to operate a third steam whale catcher in connection with our South Georgia whaling lease for the season 1915-1916.

3. We note that on your receiving the above undertaking you will inform the Colonial Government of the extension of our approved whaling facilities.

4. We shall conform to the instructions laid down in paragraph 5 of your letter under acknowledgment should we desire to make use of any harbour in South Georgia other than that which we at present use.

We have, etc.,

(SD) CHR. SALVESEN AND COMPANY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Government House, Stanley.

No. 91

17th August, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 68 of the 26th May instructing me that you have granted permission to the South Georgia Company Limited, and Messrs Chr. Salvesen and Company to use third steam whalers in connexion with their whaling leases at South Georgia for the season 1915-1916.

3. I do not understand that it is intended that these two Companies should be exempted from payment of the Licence fee of £100 in respect of each third whale catcher, as the fee is paid by other Companies, the Tonsberg, the Sandifjord, and the Bryde and Dahi, each operating a third whaler in these waters. I therefore ask that the Crown Agents may be instructed to call upon the South Georgia Company and the Salvesen Company to pay the fees of £100 each in respect of the third whalers.

3. The fee of the £100 due by the Southern Company for the use of a third whaler granted, as notified by the Secretary of State's telegram of the 28th December, 1914, does not appear to have been paid, and if still outstanding, I beg that the Crown Agents may also be instructed in this case to recover the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*  
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.